GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3896
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2001
FILLING UP OF VACANCIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a large number of vacancies lying unfilled in workshops of Railways even the workers are sitting idle after phasing out all the Steam Engines as reported in the Times of India dated March 2, 2001 under the captioned vacancies abound in Railways, workers idle;

(b) if so, the reasons for not fulfilling vacancies from the workers who are sitting idle;

(c) whether there is any plan of the Railways to modernize the workshops where Steam Engines were produced/repaired;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in modernizing the workshops; and

(e) the efforts being made by Railways to fill up the vacancies in time, utilize the manpower and modernize the workshops in time ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3896 BY SHRI KIRIT SOMAIYA T ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22-03-2001 REGARDING FILLING UP OF VACANCIES.

(a) No, Sir. Arising of vacancies due to superannuation and other reasons and their filling up is a continuous process in the workshops of various Zonal Railways. With the phasing out of steam engine the surplus maintenance staff has been redeployed over the years in overhauling of diesel locos, electric locos, electrical multiple units, diesel multiple units tower wagons and so on. Further with implementation of enhanced incentive rates based on the 5th Pay Commission scales productivity improvement of the level of 12% was negotiated with recognized labour and accordingly the allowed timings were suitably revised downwards in respect of activities covered by incentive scheme. Staff rendered surplus as a result of this have also been generally redeployed.

(b) Workers rendered surplus have been deployed to the maximum possible extent depending upon the vacancies available category-wise and grade-wise. Necessary training to the staff is also imparted for redeployment wherever require.

(c) Modernisation/upgradation of facilities in the workshops where steam engines were earlier repaired has already been done to undertake repairs of new design of rolling stock. As far as production of steam engines is concerned the activity was being undertaken in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is now engaged in manufacture of electric locomotives.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Arising of vacancies and their filling up is a ongoing process. Depending upon the workload to be discharged by the workshops the vacancies are being filled up. Modernisation/upgradation of facilities is also being done/planned from time to time keeping of course in view the traffic requirements as also the fund availability.